

Remarks

Entrance of this amendment as complying with requirements of form is respectfully requested. With entrance of the amendment, claims 11-19 will remain pending.

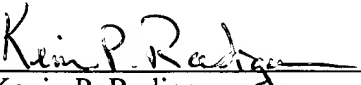
By this paper, claims 11 & 14 are amended to delete “essentially” responsive to the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection to claims 11-15 contained in the final Office Action. Additionally, claim 20 is canceled herein without prejudice to address the 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) claim objection thereto. The remaining claims are believed to well cover the subject matter of this canceled claim.

Based on these amendments, withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, and claim objections under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), is respectfully requested.

Substantively, claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang (Highly Accurate Data Value Prediction Using Hybrid Predictors) in view of Nakra (Global Context-Based Value Prediction). This rejection is respectfully traversed, and will be the subject of an Appeal to be taken by Applicants upon entrance of this amendment. In this regard, Applicants’ undersigned representative thanks Examiner Gerstel for the time afforded their representatives on December 7, 2004, to discuss the substance of the rejections stated in the final Office Action. Applicants’ position with respect to the pending claims will be further briefed subsequent to their filing of the Notice of Appeal for this application.

In the meantime, entrance of this amendment, and issuance of an Advisory Action documenting the same, are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to telephone their below-listed representative.


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